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## Note on a submonadicity

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RÉSUMÉ : Les catégories internes sont caractérisées comme certaines classes d'algèbres d'une monade

It is known [2] that the category  $\text{Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  of simplicial objects in  $\mathbf{E}$  is monadic above the category  $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  of split augmented simplicial objects in  $\mathbf{E}$ . From this monadicity is extracted in [1] the monadicity of the category  $\text{Grd } \mathbf{E}$  of internal groupoids in  $\mathbf{E}$  above the category  $\text{Pt } \mathbf{E}$  of split epimorphisms in  $\mathbf{E}$ , when  $\mathbf{E}$  is left exact. Now, via the nerve functor  $N$ , the category  $\text{Cat } \mathbf{E}$  of internal categories in  $\mathbf{E}$  has an intermediate position :  $\text{Grd } \mathbf{E} < \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} < \text{Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ . The aim of this note is to precise the place of  $\text{Cat } \mathbf{E}$  with respect to this monadic complex.

If we denote by  $U$  the forgetful functor  $\text{Simpl } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ , then, given an internal category  $X_1$  in  $\mathbf{E}$ , the split augmented simplicial object  $UNX_1$  is the “nerve” of a category with a given choice of initial objects in each connected component. Let us denote by  $\text{In Cat } \mathbf{E}$  the category whose objects are the internal categories in  $\mathbf{E}$  equipped with such a choice and whose morphisms are the choice preserving functors. Let  $\bar{U} : \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{In Cat } \mathbf{E}$  be the functor induced by  $U$  via the previous remark. This functor  $\bar{U}$  has an adjoint, namely the restriction  $\bar{F}$  of the adjoint  $F$  of  $U$ . The functor  $U$  is no more monadic, but the comparison functor  $K : \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F}$  is fully faithful (let us say, then, that  $U$  is submonadic). Furthermore internal categories are exactly those algebras  $z : \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F}Z \rightarrow Z$  in  $\text{In Cat } \mathbf{E}$  which are cartesian with respect to a certain fibration  $\text{In Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ .

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## 1 Initialized categories

An internal category  $X_1$  in  $\mathbf{E}$  :

$$X_1 : X_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \end{array} mX_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2} \end{array} m_2X_1$$

will be said initialized when it is equipped with a split augmentation as a 2-truncated simplicial object :

$$X_{-1} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \end{array} X_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xrightarrow{s_1} \end{array} mX_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2} \\ \xrightarrow{s_2} \end{array} m_2X_1$$

That means that there is a given choice of initial objects in each connected component and that  $X_{-1}$  represents the object of those distinguished elements.

*Example :* Given any category  $X_1$ , then the category  $Dec X_1$  is canonically initialized :

$$X_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \end{array} mX_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xrightarrow{s_1} \end{array} m_2X_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2} \\ \xrightarrow{s_2} \end{array} m_3X_1$$

We shall denote by  $\underline{X}_1$  an initialized category and by  $In Cat \mathbf{E}$  the category whose objects are the initialized categories, and whose morphisms are the functors preserving the split augmentation. This category is clearly left exact and the previous example induces a left exact functor  $\bar{U} : Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow In Cat \mathbf{E}$ , where  $\bar{U}(X_1)$  is  $Dec X_1$  with its canonical initialization.

There is also a functor  $\bar{F} : In Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow Cat \mathbf{E}$  which associates to  $\underline{X}_1$  its underlying category  $X_1$ . Furthermore  $\bar{F} \cdot \bar{U} = Dec$  and there is a natural transformation :  $\epsilon_1 X_1 : Dec X_1 \rightarrow X_1$  :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} m_3X_1 & \xrightarrow{d_3} & m_2X_1 \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ m_2X_1 & \xrightarrow{d_2} & mX_1 \\ \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ mX_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & X_0 \end{array}$$

where  $\epsilon_1 X_1 : Dec X_1 \rightarrow X_1$  is a discrete cofibration. On the other hand there is a natural transformation  $\eta_1 \underline{X}_1 : \underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F} \underline{X}_1$  :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 mX_1 & \xrightarrow{s_2} & m_2 X_1 \\
 \downarrow d_0 \downarrow d_1 & \uparrow s_1 & \downarrow d_0 \downarrow d_1 \uparrow s_1 \\
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{s_1} & mX_1 \\
 \downarrow d_0 \uparrow s_0 & & \downarrow d_0 \uparrow s_0 \\
 X_{-1} & \xrightarrow{s_0} & X_0
 \end{array}$$

These natural transformations clearly satisfy the equations which make  $\bar{F}$  a left adjoint of  $\bar{U}$ . We shall denote by  $(T, \eta, \mu)$  and by  $(Dec, \epsilon, \nu)$  the monad and the comonad induced respectively on  $In Cat \mathbf{E}$  and on  $Cat \mathbf{E}$  by this adjunction.

## 2 $In Cat \mathbf{E}$ as a fibered category

Let us denote by  $h_0 : In Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$  the functor associating  $X_{-1}$  to  $\underline{X}_1$ . It is left exact and has a right inverse right adjoint  $\Gamma_1$ , where, for every object  $X$  in  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\Gamma_1 X$  is the discrete category  $dis X$  with its unique possible initialization. Now,  $In Cat \mathbf{E}$  being left exact, the functor  $h_0$  is a fibration. A morphism  $\underline{f}_1 : \underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \underline{Y}_1$  is cartesian if and only if the following square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\underline{f}_1} & \underline{Y}_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{f}_1} & \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{Y}_1
 \end{array}$$

**Proposition 1** *The morphism  $\underline{f}_1$  is cartesian if and only if its underlying functor  $f_1 = \bar{F}(\underline{f}_1)$  is a discrete cofibration in  $Cat \mathbf{E}$ .*

### Demonstration :

The category  $\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{X}_1$  being discrete, the functor  $\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{f}_1$  is a discrete cofibration. Now if  $\underline{f}_1$  is cartesian, the previous square is a pullback and  $f_1$  is a discrete cofibration.

Conversely let us suppose that  $f_1$  is a discrete cofibration and let us consider the following diagram where the lower right square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \underline{X}_1 & & & & \\
 \searrow^{g_1} & & f_1 & & \\
 & \underline{Z}_1 & \xrightarrow{k_1} & \underline{Y}_1 & \\
 \searrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{f}_1} & \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{Y}_1 & 
 \end{array}$$

Then  $k_1$  is a discrete cofibration and also the factorization  $g_1$ . Let us show that  $\underline{g}_1$  is an isomorphism. Thanks to the Yoneda imbedding, it is sufficient to do this with  $\mathbf{E}$  the category of sets. Let  $Z$  be an object of  $\underline{Z}_1$  and  $s_1 Z : s_0 Z \rightarrow Z$  be the associated initial map in its connected component. The object  $s_0 Z$  is then a uniquely determined object in a connected component of  $\underline{X}_1$ . The functor  $g_1$  being a discrete cofibration, it determines a unique map  $s_0 Z \rightarrow X$  above  $s_1 Z$ . The object  $X$  is the unique object above  $Z$ . The functor  $f_1$  is then bijective on the objects and a discrete cofibration. Consequently, it is an isomorphism. — QED (Proposition 1)

*Remarks*

(1) That  $\underline{f}_1$  is cartesian implies that the following square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & Y_0 \\
 d_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\
 X_{-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{-1}} & Y_{-1}
 \end{array}$$

(2) That  $\underline{f}_1$  is cartesian implies that  $f_1$  is also a discrete fibration.

(3) Clearly the functor  $\eta_1 \underline{X}_1 : \underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \overline{U} \cdot \overline{F} \underline{X}_1$  is cartesian.

(4) The functor  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  in  $Cat \mathbf{E}$  is a discrete cofibration if and only if  $\overline{U}(f_1)$  is cartesian.

### 3 The comparison functor $K : \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$ is fully faithful

The following diagram in  $\text{Cat } \mathbf{E}$  determines a levelwise split fork in  $\mathbf{E}$  and thus a coequalizer in  $\text{Cat } \mathbf{E}$  :

$$\text{Dec}^2 X_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Dec } \epsilon_1 X_1} \\ \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1 \text{Dec } X_1} \end{array} \text{Dec} X_1 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1 X_1} X_1$$

**Proposition 2** *The comparison functor  $K : \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$  is fully faithful. This result is a consequence of the following proposition.*

**Proposition 3** *Let  $(U, F, \eta, \epsilon) : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$  be an adjunction, and let*

$$T = (U, F, \eta, U\epsilon F)$$

*be the monad it defines on  $\mathbf{Y}$ . The comparison functor  $K : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$  is fully faithful (i.e. the functor  $U$  is submonadic) if and only if for every object  $X$  in  $\mathbf{X}$ , the map  $\epsilon_X$  is the coequalizer of  $\epsilon FUX$  and  $FU\epsilon X$ .*

The demonstration is straightforward.

### 4 The comparison functor $K$ is not an equivalence

Let  $\text{Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  and  $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  denote respectively the category of simplicial objects in  $\mathbf{E}$  and the category of split augmented simplicial objects in  $\mathbf{E}$ . Let  $U : \text{Simpl } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  denote the functor cancelling the upper indexed face maps. It has a left adjoint  $F$ .

Any internal category  $X_1$  can be completed into a simplicial object  $NX_1$  (its nerve) by means of simplicial kernels. In the same way, any initialized category  $\underline{X}_1$  can be completed into a split augmented simplicial object  $n\underline{X}_1$ . Whence the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Grd } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{i} & \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{N} & \text{Simpl } \mathbf{E} \\ \overline{U} \downarrow \uparrow \overline{F} & & \overline{U} \downarrow \uparrow \overline{F} & & U \downarrow \uparrow F \\ \text{Pt } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{j} & \text{In Cat } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{n} & \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E} \end{array}$$

The functors  $N$  and  $n$  are full embeddings.  $\mathbf{Grd} \mathbf{E}$  denotes the category of internal groupoids, i.e. internal categories such that the following square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} mX_1 & \xleftarrow{d_1} & m_2X_1 \\ d_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\ X_0 & \xleftarrow{d_0} & mX_1 \end{array}$$

$Pt \mathbf{E}$  denotes the category whose objects are the split epimorphisms and whose morphisms are the coherent squares. The functor  $i$  is the inclusion, and the functor  $j$  associates to each split epimorphism the initialized groupoid obtained by the kernel groupoid of the given epimorphism. Clearly  $j$  is a full embedding.

Thus  $(\overline{U}, \overline{F})$  and  $(\overline{\overline{U}}, \overline{\overline{F}})$  appear to be successive restrictions of the adjunction  $(U, F)$ . The functor  $(U, F)$  is always monadic (See [2]). When the idempotents split in  $\mathbf{E}$ , then furthermore  $F$  is comonadic. When  $\mathbf{E}$  is left exact,  $\overline{\overline{U}}$  is monadic (See [1]) and  $\overline{\overline{F}}$  is comonadic.

It would be easy to show that  $\overline{F}$  is comonadic (the dual of proposition 3, plus the existence of kernels). We are going to show that  $\overline{U}$  is not monadic.

Let  $\mathbf{2}$  be the category :  $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbf{1}$ . It is clearly initialized in a unique possible way. The category  $T\mathbf{2}$  has two connected components :  $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\overline{\alpha}} \alpha$  and  $\mathbf{1}$ . Let  $\underline{h}_1$  be the unique possible initialized functor:  $T\mathbf{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}$ , which is a left inverse for  $\eta_1\mathbf{2}$ . It is easy to check that it determines an algebra on  $\mathbf{2}$ . Now, the simplicial set  $Z$  determined by  $n \underline{h}_1$ , as an algebra on  $U \cdot F$ , is not the nerve of a category. It is the smallest simplicial set associated to graph  $\mathbf{1} : \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ .

## 5 The monad $(T, \eta, \mu)$ is transversely cartesian with respect to $h_0$

We saw that  $\eta_1 \underline{X}_1$  is cartesian. Now  $\mu \underline{X}_1 = \overline{U} \epsilon X_1$ . But  $\epsilon X_1$  is a discrete cofibration and  $\overline{U}$  sends discrete cofibrations on cartesian maps. So,  $\mu \underline{X}_1$  is cartesian. Furthermore  $T = \overline{U} \cdot \overline{F}$  preserves cartesian maps following proposition 1 and remark 4.

We shall say then that  $(T, \eta, \mu)$  is transversely cartesian with respect to the fibration  $h_0$ .

## 6 Characterization of $\mathbf{Cat \ E}$

**Proposition 4** *Cat  $\mathbf{E}$  is isomorphic to the full subcategory of  $\mathbf{Alg \ T}$  whose objects are the algebras  $\underline{x}_1 : T\underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \underline{X}_1$  in  $\mathbf{In \ Cat \ E}$  such that  $\underline{x}_1$  is cartesian.*

**Demonstration :**

Proof: Let  $X_1$  be a category ; then the algebra  $K(X_1)$  is :  $\overline{U}\epsilon_1 X_1 : \overline{U}Dec X_1 \rightarrow \overline{U}X_1$ . But  $\epsilon_1 X_1$  is a discrete cofibration and  $\overline{U}\epsilon_1 X_1$  is cartesian.

Conversely if  $\underline{x}_1 : T\underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \underline{X}_1$  is cartesian, then, following remark 1, the following diagram is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_0 & \xleftarrow{x_0} & mX_1 \\ d_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\ X_{-1} & \xleftarrow{x_{-1}} & X_0 \end{array}$$

and the 3-truncated simplicial object it determines is underlying to an internal category.

## 7 The case of $\mathbf{Grd \ E}$

Why is  $\mathbf{Grd \ E}$  monadic and not  $\mathbf{Cat \ E}$  ? If we denote again by  $(T, \eta, \mu)$  the restriction to  $\mathbf{Pt \ E}$  of the monad  $(T, \eta, \mu)$  defined on  $\mathbf{In \ Cat \ E}$ , this monad is again transversely cartesian, but furthermore it has the particularity to be normal, i.e. the following diagram is a always pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2 X & \xleftarrow{\mu^{TX}} & T^3 X \\ \mu X \downarrow & & \downarrow T\mu X \\ TX & \xleftarrow{\mu X} & T^2 X \end{array}$$

Then any algebra  $x : TX \rightarrow X$  in  $\mathbf{Pt \ E}$  induces an internal groupoid in  $\mathbf{Pt \ E}$  (see [1]) :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TX & \xleftarrow{\mu X} & T^2 X & \xleftarrow{\mu^{TX}} & T^3 X \\ & \xleftarrow{T_x} & & \xleftarrow{T\mu X} & \\ & & & \xleftarrow{T^2 x} & \end{array}$$

Now  $\mu X$  is cartesian. So  $Tx$ , being “equal to  $\mu X$  up to isomorphism” (thanks to the previous groupoid structure), is again cartesian. Then  $Tx \cdot \lambda TX$  is cartesian since both  $Tx$  and  $\lambda TX$  are cartesian. But  $Tx \cdot \lambda TX = \lambda X \cdot x$  and,  $\lambda X$  being cartesian,  $x$  is cartesian.

Consequently, every algebra  $x : TX \rightarrow X$  is cartesian and the comparison functor  $K : \text{Grd } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$  is an equivalence.

A last remark : if again  $(T, \eta, \mu)$  denotes the monad on  $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  induced by the adjunction  $(U, F)$ , the objects of  $\text{In Cat } \mathbf{E}$  are precisely the objects  $S$  of  $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  which have their map  $\mu S : T^2 S \rightarrow TS$  cartesian in  $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$  with respect to the fibration  $k_0 : \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$  defined by  $k_0(S) = S_{-1}$

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